

SENATE RESOLUTION 187

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend MTSU Golf Coach
Johnny Moore on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is Johnny Moore, head coach of Middle Tennessee State University's men's golf team, the Blue Raiders, seven-time Coach of the Year, 2007 Southeast Region Coach of the Year, and 2007 Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, after eighteen seasons as head coach of his alma mater, Johnny Moore will retire on June 15, 2007, leaving behind a legacy of such an impressive stature it is assured a place in Tennessee sporting lore; and

WHEREAS, a graduate from Issac Litton High School in Nashville, Johnny Moore became a standout on the Blue Raider football and golf teams following a stint at Wake Forest; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) with a B.S. degree in Business Administration in 1961, Coach Moore served two years in the U.S. Army, and prior to accepting his current position at the helm of the Blue Raider golf program, he served as president of Garrett-Moore Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a former two-time Nashville Metropolitan Open Champion and one of the top-rated amateur golfers in Tennessee, Coach Moore qualified and played in the 1990 United States Senior Open, which was won by Lee Trevino; and

WHEREAS, one whose skills and acumen have always been obvious to observers in the realm of college athletics, Johnny Moore is not only an accomplished technical teacher of the art and science of golf, he also serves as a great motivator for his players, always inspiring them to play their best and their smartest; and

WHEREAS, in eighteen seasons, Coach Moore guided the Middle Tennessee State University golf program to an NCAA Tournament berth, five conference championships, and nine additional tournament team championships; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at MTSU, Coach Moore has produced six Golfers of the Year, and his players have earned first-team All-Conference honors nineteen times; his 2000 golf team was the first Blue Raider team to participate in the NCAA Regional at the Division I level; and

WHEREAS, MTSU's success under Coach Moore is not limited to the golf course; Blue Raider golfers have earned twenty-four academic honors since the university joined the Sun Belt Conference (SBC) in 2001, with nineteen landing on the SBC Academic Honor Roll, and the program has also placed five players on the SBC Commissioner's List during this time. MTSU earned the SBC's Team Academic Award in 2003-04 and 2004-05, and three different linksters have received the league's Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 2001, Coach Moore guided MTSU through one of its most successful stretches during the 1999-2000 season, when the Blue Raiders were ranked No. 35 by GolfStat and earned a No. 42 ranking by Sagarin in the fall, which are their highest rankings ever; the team finished in the top three of all four fall tournaments and ended 1999 with two golfers ranked among the nation's top 80; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 spring season saw more of the same outstanding success as the Blue Raiders finished second or better in three straight tournaments while earning a trip to Moosic, Pennsylvania, for the NCAA Regionals; the Blue Raiders completed the 1999-2000 season ranked in the Top 50 of both major golf polls for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Moore, the Blue Raiders won three consecutive Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) titles in 1994, 1995, 1996, and won the OVC championship again in 1998 and 2000; for his efforts, Johnny Moore was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year in each of those seasons. During his 11 seasons in the OVC, Johnny Moore coached five OVC Golfers of the Year and 11 All-OVC players; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many duties as head golf coach, Johnny Moore became coordinator of Olympic Sports at MTSU in the summer of 1997, administering baseball, golf, tennis, and track; and

WHEREAS, a respected professional, Coach Moore has served as a member of the Tennessee Golf Association Board of Directors for over thirty years, and he is a past president and seven-year member of the Sectional Affairs Committee of the United States Golf Association; and

WHEREAS, his numerous professional accomplishments aside, Johnny Moore is most fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, the former Andrea Jo Lehning, and their four children, Laura, Anne Marie, Johnny, and Mike; and three granddaughters, Sydney John Volkert, Chapel Anne Volkert, and Maclaine Moore Volkert; the Moores are members of First Baptist Church in Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, Coach Moore has carried out his duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, character, and with an inspirational flair that is unique to him; he has earned the respect and admiration of his players, the administration, faculty, and student body of Middle Tennessee State University, and the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Johnny Moore, head coach of Middle Tennessee State University's Blue Raider men's golf team, on the occasion of his retirement, looking fondly back over the many successful years he spent as MTSU's golf coach and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.